

OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE IN A BANKRUPTCY CASE

Bankruptcy cases are legal proceedings which affect the rights of debtors and creditors. Title 28 U.S.C. Sec. 955 **PROHIBITS** any member of the Clerk's Office staff from giving any advice which may be considered legal in nature. Canon 2f and Canon 3 of the Judiciary's Code of Conduct also **PROHIBIT** this office from providing legal advice and further require that the staff remain impartial. While individual debtors are not *required* to be represented by an attorney when filing for bankruptcy protection, bankruptcy law is sufficiently complicated that most find it desirable to obtain an attorney's services. For assistance in that regard, you are advised to contact the referral section of your local bar association. Bar associations located in this district are as follows:

Brooklyn Bar Association

123 Remsen Street

Brooklyn, New York 11201

Tel. (718) 624-0675

Lawyer Referral: Walk-in service. Information available at (718) 624-0843.

Web site: <http://brooklynbar.org>

Queens County Bar Association

90-35 148th Street

Jamaica, New York 11435

Tel. (718) 291-4500

Lawyer Referral: Call above number weekdays between 10 a.m. - noon or 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Walk-in lawyer referral available weekdays between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Web site: <http://www.qcba.com>

Richmond County Bar Association

152 Stuyvesant Place, Suite 203

Staten Island, New York 10301

Tel. (718) 442-4500

Lawyer Referral: As above

Web site: <http://www.richmondcountybar.org>

Nassau County Bar Association

15th and West Streets

Mineola, New York 11501

Tel. (516) 747-4070

Lawyer Referral: (516) 747-4832

Web site: <http://www.nassaubar.org>

Suffolk County Bar Association

560 Wheeler Road

Hauppauge, New York 11788

Tel. (631) 234-5511

Lawyer Referral: (631) 234-5577

Web site: <http://www.scba.org>